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SUBJECT: PIERRE HUNT NAMED ELYSEE SPOKESMAN

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1. PIERRE HUNT, CAREER FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL AND EX-AMBASSADOR TO CONGO (1972-1976) AND THE MALAGASY REPUBLIC (1976-1978), HAS BEEN DESIGNATED SPOKESMAN AT THE ELYSEE. REFTEL PROVIDED BIO DATA AT TIME OF HUNT'S APPOINTMENT AS AMBASSADOR AT TANANARIVE. PARTICULARLY NOTEWORTHY, IN CONNECTION WITH HIS PRESENT APPOINTMENT, WAS HUNT'S CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH CHABAN-DELMAS FROM 1968 TO 1972, WHEN HE FIRST SERVED AS SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE INTERMINISTERIAL INFORMATION COMMITTEE, WAS HIS SUCCESS IN OBTAINING A DEGREE OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE PRESS AND THE GOVERNMENT AND HIS GAINING THE REPUTATION OF BEING THE REAL, IF NOT THE TITULAR, BOSS OF ORTF. FROM 1970 TO 1972, HUNT SERVED AS THE GOF REPRESENTATIVE ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL OF THE FRENCH RADIO FINANCIAL BUREAU (SOFIRAD) AND RADIO MONTE-CARLO.

2. HUNT WAS RECALLED FROM TANANARIVE AS AN INTERIM
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REPLACEMENT TO JEAN-PHILIPPE LECAT DURING THE LATTER'S ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN. WITH LECAT'S SUCCESS, HUNT HAS NOW BEEN NAMED TO TAKE THE SPOKESMAN'S POSITION. AMEMBASSY TANANARIVE HAS CHARACTERIZED HUNT AS "A QUICK THINKER, EXTREMELY CONFIDENT AND ARTICULATE", CHARACTERISTICS TO BE DESIRED IN HIS NEW JOB.
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